

**History of Suicide.**

New York Sun, 8th.]

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those who hold that Britons love their kings may be interested to see the epitaph the incomparable dignity of Here was the man who had neither dignity nor learning—morals nor wit: who tainted a great society by a taste for the pleasures of the world; and age, was gross, low, and sensual," and over whose grave this Paterson Porteus could have written, "Here lies the man whose sins were his own, and whose tears were his country's tears." Thackeray satirically adds elsewhere that the divine who wept these plaintive numbers over George Gordon Byron, was a "very good man, wrote George the Third's laws. It was an early-worn isosceles, and reminds one of the like plates of high degree for the poor Porteus in the grave yard." In Brooklyn, there was no lawn. The atmosphere of his church in England was stifling, and he came here hoping to find our churchmen as broad and generous as the English. He was disappointed, as many have found before him, our city bigotry and intolerance exist in all strata of our society. He was, therefore, relinquished the contest, rather than, like his thrifty ancestor, "band the pragmatic hinges of the knee that threaten to give way in all things to follow the radical reformer in any large sense, he seems to have been a gentle minded man of unassuming sincerity, who could sustain himself in all things to follow the behests of an iron-bound ritual and an imbecile pulpit.

**Nellie's Repentance.**

"I will not, Norman!" and Nellie Wilde brought her little foot down upon the floor, and her eyes flashed fire. Her bright golden hair from under its little lace morning cap, and sent it rolling in golden shimmering waves over her shoulders.

There was a light in her blue eyes, which her husband had never before seen gleam from beneath her dark lashes, and always greeted him with smiles, were parted over the white teeth with an expression of unmistakable scorn.

"You will not, Norman?" said Nellie, Norman, when you know how much, how very much I like Mrs. May, and how much I love her, how faithful to me to give up the society of a friend just to gratify a capricious whim of yours?"

And Mr. Wilde burst into tears.

It was not in Norman Wilde's nature to see a woman's tears unmoved. It is scarcely that of any man, when the one he loves weeps, to have his heart and one so fondly loved and tenderly cherished as Nellie. His habitually gentle and unassuming nature, and tenderness now, as he bent over her, and said in tones of gentle remonstrance, "Nellie!"

"You will not, Norman?" was the pettish answer, as she turned away from the caressing touch of his hand upon her soft golden hair. "I am not a child to be ruled by a man over my head, and coaxed and petted into good humor the next moment."

"Nellie, cruel, brutal!" It was too much.

Mr. Wilde took his hat with that indelible air which injured husbands know as being the "look of despair," for him to visit that bright young life to gladden his quiet home, and diffuse the sunshine of her buoyant spirits over his life, and to find her thus turned away! There was a difference of ten years in their respective ages, many cares had made Norman Wilde older at twenty-seven than most men are at thirty; and he thought of it now with something like contempt for himself. He might have been a more successful and powerful man, he was a more powerful man; he with a gravity of demeanor that was almost sternness; and she, with her joyous, loving disposition, for Nellie was a woman of a more general and generous sympathy in spite of her willfulness.

In something weightier than the great lady's quarrel with her husband, and on the spirits of Mr. Wilde's wife waited slowly down the street that bitter winter morning; and his head clerk, Richards, who was a very legal stragden man, and law a sublime mystery, thought, as he watched him from the office window, some new legal stragden man, who had taken possession of his brain, to make him walk at that pace, when the thermometer stood twenty degrees below zero.

"Ma'am," said Kate, putting her head in at the door of Nellie's room, "Mr. Dion would like to see you directly. I will call for you in a moment."

"Very well Kate."

And Nellie, after arranging her hair and smoothing her face, proceeded to her aunt's apartment.

"How do you feel this morning, auntie?"

"Very cheerful, very contented, my child," was the invalid's reply, as she looked up into the innocent, girlish face of her niece, and said, "You are so ungrateful indeed, if, after all the affectionate cares lavished upon me by my nephew and his wife, I should be otherwise."

"Some shadows resting upon the usually happy face, caught Mrs. Dion's eye, and she said, "My dear child, not less for her loving kindness to me, than because she was the wife of her nephew, the only infallible mortal, in Aunt Richards' eyes, who had not been rebuffed."

"Are you not well, Nellie?"

"Quite well, auntie."

"You are so happy, Nellie!"

"There are no happy, but Nellie's lips quivered, and two large tears glistened beneath the heavy drooped lashes, and she said, "I am not happy."

"My dear child, I am surprised, grieved to see me."

"Can you not confide in me?"

"Oh, Nellie, Norman is so selfish, so unkind."

"Nellie, tell me one thing—was your husband a bad man?"

"Yes."

"And parted in anger?"

"Yes."

"Go to him, my child, and reconciled."

"If Norman has erred, he will see his fault; if you have, it is all the more for me that you should seek a reconciliation."

"Never."

"Hush, Nellie; he will tell you a story, a story about a husband he had been who parted in anger, and never spoke to each other again. It is a terrible thing, and I have seen it, Nellie. The man whom I shall tell you of was a proud man, grave and self-possessed in his manners, commanding as a general, and he was a very good man, that ever lived, Nellie, and far, far handsomer. Some thought him stern, but there was no sternness in him, and he would, though he might seem cold to others, he was all love and tenderness to her."

"Nellie, tell me."

"Yes, Nellie. He loved her with a strength and depth of affection of which few men are capable. Why he loved her, I cannot tell; but he loved her, and never ceased; for she was a wild, thoughtless girl, exacting and whimsical, and great fault-finder, and she would be thoroughly self-disciplined, and she was. Perhaps he divined what she never knew herself till afterward, her husband was a very good man, and married but a few months. They had thus far been very happy, for he was so tender and thoughtful toward her, and she was so devoted to him, and she was so happy in her great happiness. They were not to overcome, however. One morning, when he was out of the house, she went to Vernon, and should not be back for two or three days. Vernon was the place where she had always lived till she was married, and she was so fond of it, and she was so happy in it, and she was so devoted to him, and she was so happy in her great happiness. They were not to overcome, however. 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head the stairs when his foot  
inched in the carpet. He threw up his  
arms and slid grabbed at him, and both  
tumbled down stairs.—He yelled and she  
laughed. Sometimes he was ahead, and  
when she took the lead, and neither of  
them had passed under the "string"  
between the extinguisher, lumping and  
stammering, began to shoot off its charge  
of chemicals.

"You old—!" she started to say,  
when a stream from the hose struck her  
between the eyes, and she didn't finish.  
"What in—?" cried Mr. Warner.  
Then, as he got a dose in the ear.  
They brought up in a heap at the  
bottom of the stairs, the steam playing  
into the parlor, against the hall door,  
and up stairs by turns and gasping:  
"I'll have you run to a fool again!"  
"What's a fool?" he roared, dancing  
around with his eyes full of chemicals.  
"I'm fainting," she squeaked.  
"And I've broken my back!" he  
boomed.

It was a sad house when those two  
highly respectable old people got so that  
they could no longer see and discuss  
matters calmly. And she doubted up  
her fist and hoarsely said:

Talk that investigator, or distinguish-  
er, or whatever you call it, back  
down town and tell everybody that you  
are a lunatic!"

And he said:  
"Damn it! I know more than all your  
family put together!"

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(Washington Special to The Chicago Times.)

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the Union Pacific railroad company,  
which has been set by the United States  
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money than any case which has ever  
been litigated in this, or perhaps any  
other country. The government issued  
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lion dollars in bonds. They run for  
thirty years with interest payable semi-  
annually. These companies claim that  
they are not required to pay the interest  
until the end of the thirty years. Mean-  
while, the government has meted the  
interest. These companies refuse. It now  
wants restitution, and has demanded it.  
The case first came up in congress. That  
body killed the companies to go to the  
court of claims. That court sustained  
the point made by the railroad compa-  
nies, from which the government has  
lost \$100,000,000. Attorney General Pierpont  
has made ready, by experts, a calculation  
of the differences which the government  
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